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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with [] of DIA

1. After the IPWIC meeting on 26 November 1971, the Chairman, [] of DIA, asked [] CIA Representative, to remain behind. [] after explaining the background, recommended that [] Deputy SAVA, represent the CIA on the new Task Force which is to be chaired by R. Adm. Donald B. Whitmire, DIA Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence.

2. [] explained the background as follows:

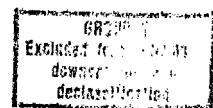
a. An analysis has been made by [] of the missing elements of intelligence concerning American prisoners of war in Southeast Asia.

b. The DIA Directorate for Collection has at the same time prepared a plan for collection of PW intelligence during the coming phase, when greatest possible emphasis will be placed on inspection of crash sites and rescue of PWs.

c. The plan has been completed, coordinated with DIA Directorate for Intelligence, forwarded to Gen. Bennet and by him to Adm. Moorer. Adm. Moorer in turn has sent or is sending the plan to the Director of CIA and other agencies directly involved, with the recommendation that a new high level task force be formed, chaired by the Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence, DIA, and constituted of flag rank officers. This task force is to commit the assets necessary to insure that everything possible is done in Washington to obtain, collate, and act on intelligence about PWs.

d. [] hopes that he will be asked to support the task force, rather than sit on it. He expressed the opinion that it would be appropriate for [] to take the same stance.

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3. [] discussed briefly the possibility that
commitment of additional assets to collation of available
information might produce new insights. [] said
that in some areas this would be true, and he hoped the task
force would approach the question on a case-by-case basis.
In some cases DIA would be best fitted to undertake new tasks,
in other cases CIA. [] said he would bring []
[] remarks to the attention of Mr. Horgan.

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CIA Representative, IPWIC

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